

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-77 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-21, and 23-77 have been amended to better clarify the present invention and conform to U.S. claim practice, without the introduction of new matter, as these amended claims are supported by at least the corresponding original claims. The specification has also been amended without the introduction of any new matter to correct typographical errors noted therein.

The outstanding Action presented objections to Claims 7, 17, 26-28, 36, 37, 39-41, 49, 52-54, and 71-77, a rejection of Claims 75-77 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and a rejection of Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamioka (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,020).

The objections to Claims 7, 17, 26-28, 36, 37, 39-41, 49, 52-54, and 71-77 are all believed to be overcome by the present amendment that adopts the remedies suggested in the outstanding Action or language having the same effect as the suggested language.

Similarly, the rejection of Claims 75-77 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is believed to be overcome by the adoption of corrections along the lines suggested in the outstanding Action.

If the Examiner is of the view that the corrections made are not sufficient or that other formal matter needing correction exist in the application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-noted telephone number so that mutually agreeable corrective language can be determined.

Turning to the rejection of Claims 1 and 3 as being anticipated by Kamioka, it is noted that Kamioka falls well short of teaching all of the limitations of base independent Claim 1. In this respect, it is clear that Kamioka does not teach or suggest that the unnumbered substrate inside the housing 12 will have, *inter alia*, the Claim 1 exterior facing

abutment portion that is “to be brought into abutment with an exterior mounting member,” the Claim 1 “terminals connected to a drive circuit,” or any teaching that these terminals so connected also are to “fix the holder to the exterior mounting portion.”

The outstanding Action appears to rely on terminals inside the Kamioka housing 12 that are improperly assumed to be present and somehow connected to the un-numbered internal board by stating that:

“[t]he terminals that provides contact to each of light emission source and a deflector are connected with the abutment of the holder - a board or the like that mounts all of the units disclosed in figure 1 - to the housing 12.”

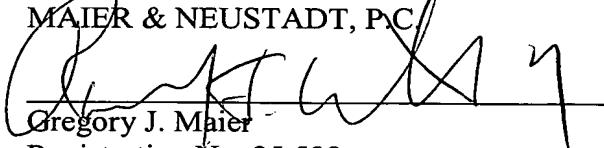
It is well established that assumptions as to reference teachings cannot be substituted for actual evidence and that to establish anticipation each claim limitation must be shown to be actually taught by the reference relied upon. As that has not and cannot be shown as to the disclosure of Kamioka, this rejection is traversed.

As Claim 3 depends on Claim 1, the rejection thereof as anticipated by Kamioka is traversed for the reasons noted above as to Claim 1. In addition, Claim 3 sets forth further features not taught by Kamioka, and this rejection is traversed for this reason as well.

As no further issues are believed to remain outstanding in the present application, it is believed that this application is clearly in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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